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*Report from Vera Cruz—Deaths from yellow fever.*VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, *July 21, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report for the week ended July 21:

Yellow fever, 9 cases and 7 deaths; smallpox, 4 cases and 5 deaths. From all causes, 37 deaths.

Bills of health issued during the week, 10. Passengers certified to, 151.

The shipping continues free from infection.

Respectfully,

SAML. H. HODGSON,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

NICARAGUA.

*Report from Bluefields—Fruit port.*BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, *July 18, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following weekly report: Two steamships have been inspected by me, the *Jno. Wilson*, with 2 passengers and 7 pieces of baggage, and the *Hiram*, with no passengers, both bound to New Orleans. Disinfection of baggage was done under my supervision and proper certificates given, copies of which are herewith inclosed. Only 1 death occurred in Bluefields for the week ended July 14, viz, 1 native adult, of pulmonary tuberculosis. The health conditions of Bluefields and country adjacent hereto continue good.

Respectfully,

D. W. GOODMAN,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

*Method of handling fruit at Bluefields.*BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, *July 21, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report leaving Bocas del Toro, Republic of Colombia, South America, at 3 o'clock a. m., July 16, 1900, and arriving at Port Limon, Costa Rica, Central America, at 11 o'clock a. m., same date.

The very small steamer *Sunrise*, of 53 tons, left Port Limon July 16, 1900, at 8 o'clock p. m., arriving at Bluefield Bluff the following evening, July 17, 1900, at 4 o'clock p. m., when passengers and baggage were examined by the Nicaraguan customs officials and the port physician, and were permitted to continue trip to the town of Bluefields, a distance of 7 miles.

Bluefields, with an estimated population of 4,000, is situated at the foot of a series of hills on the western bank of a shallow lagoon or bay. The eastern border of this lagoon is bounded by a narrow strip of land separating it from the Caribbean Sea.

This strip of land terminates to the south in a small promontory on which are located the custom-house, light-house, and quarters for a squad of soldiers used to guard the coast from smugglers. Ships enter the harbor between this point and an island, and, if engaged in the fruit traffic during the quarantine season, proceed up the eastern part of this lagoon in a channel leading to the mouth of the Bluefield or Escondido River, at no time being nearer than 4 miles to Bluefields.